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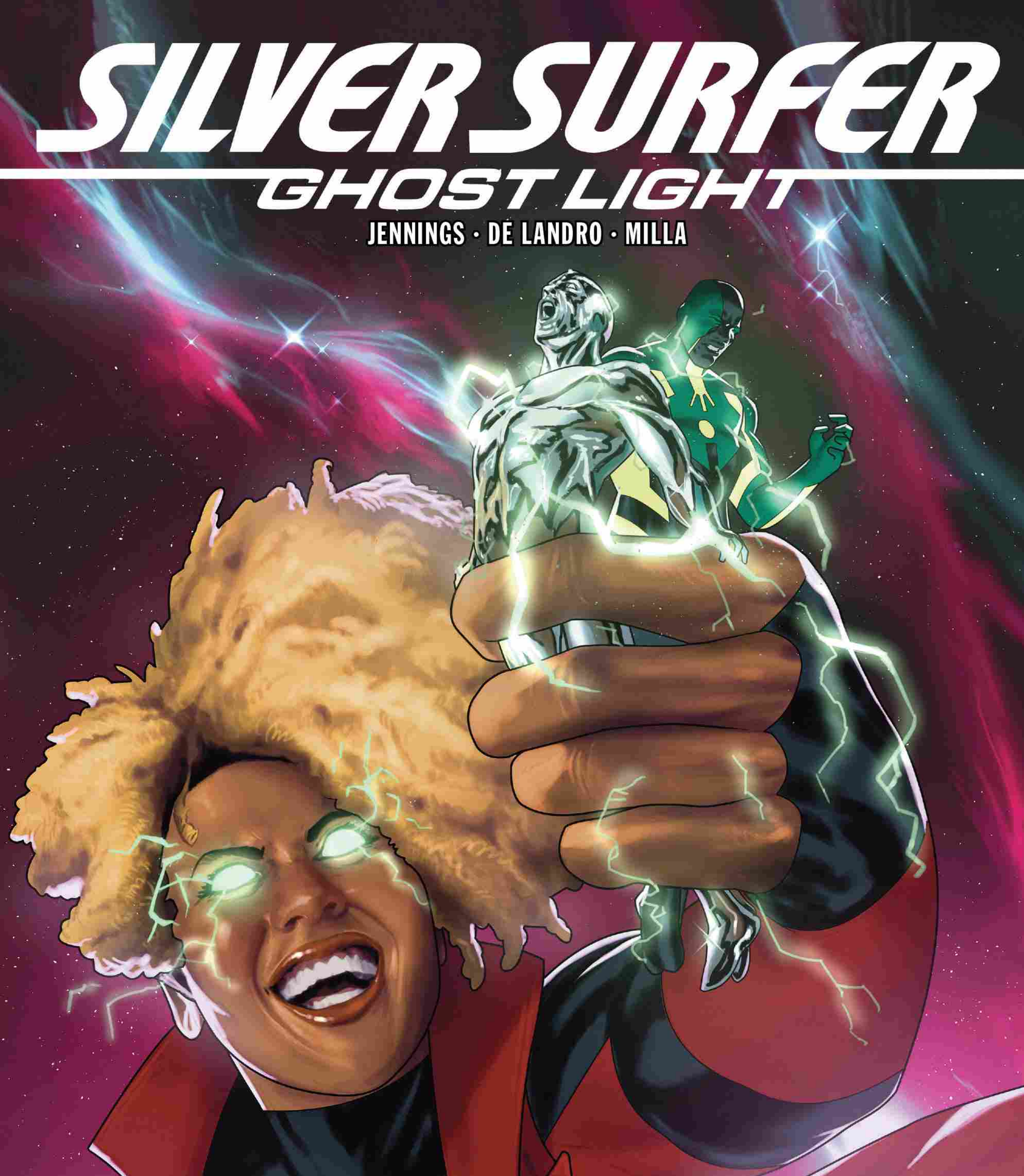

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TO SAVE HIS PLANET, NORRIN RADD SURRENDERED HIS FREEDOM TO BECOME HERALD TO THE WORLD-DEVOURING GALACTUS. COATED WITH GALACTIC GLAZE, GIVEN A SURFBOARD OBEYING HIS MENTAL COMMANDS, AND GRANTED THE POWER COSMIC, HE NOW SOARS THE UNIVERSE A SHINING SENTINEL OF THE SPACE WAYS! MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS...THE SILVER SURFER!

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PREVIOUSLY...

TONI BROOKS AND HER FAMILY HAVE MOVED INTO THE QUIET TOWN OF SWEETWATER. BUT THIS TOWN IS FULL OF MYSTERIES, LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO TONI'S UNCLE, AL HARPER, WHO SUDDENLY VANISHED YEARS AGO? AND WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT FATEFUL DAY THAT CAUSED THE RESIDENTS OF SWEETWATER TO LOSE THEIR MEMORIES?

THE ANSWER TO BOTH QUESTIONS LAYS IN THE STRANGER, A COMPOSITE BEING WITH THE COMBINED STRENGTH AND INTELLECT OF AN ANCIENT ALIEN RACE.

WITH A COSMICALLY POWERED AL RETURNED TO EARTH, HE AND THE SURFER MUST TEAM UP TO NOT ONLY FIGHT OFF THE STRANGER'S FORCES, BUT ALSO A FACTION OF THE EVIL ORGANIZATION A.I.M. CALLED THE SCARLET SECTOR.

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LAB WORLD, HOME OF THE STRANGER.

SOMBRAAAA...

SOOO...YOU CAME HERE FOR WHAT? TO STEAL KNOWLEDGE FROM THE GODS LIKE SOME PITIFUL PROMETHEUS?

WELL, WE'RE NOT GODS. WE DON'T LOVE YOU.

BUT YOU ARE WELCOME.

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF SUBJECTS.

BODIES TO HELP US SEEK OUT TRUTHS.

HUHH... KOFF! KOFF!

WHAT...WHAT TRUTHS?

ALL TRUTHS, LITTLE GNAT.

I CAN SEE YOUR THOUGHTS! YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY I ERASED FROM THE MINDS OF THE CITIZENS OF SWEETWATER, YES?!

WELL, HAVE IT ALL BACK, THEN!

ARGHHHH!!! AAHHK!!! GASP!

THEY CAN ALLLLL...HAVE IT BACK!

YOU WANTED... WANTED TO KILL OUR WORLD? USE IT AS A SUN?

-KOFF- ALL MY PEOPLE... DEAD?

YESSSS...I NEEDED A SUN, YOU SEE. THE EARTH IS JUST MATERIAL.

SHOW ME. I WANT...TO SEE IT ALL. HUKK... HUHHH...

"EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE SEEN WHAT COULD BEFALL AN INFERIOR LIFEFORM SUCH AS YOURSELF? VERY WELL!"

WE CAN PROVIDE THAT.

NOW, LITTLE THING...

...LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN MAKE FROM YOU.

ARGHHHH!!! I'M BURIED ALIVE!

WHAT... WHAT ARE THEY? WHEN IS THIS?!

HELLLP!!! HELP US, PLEASE!

IS...THIS REAL? AM I REAL?!

OH MY GOD! MY ARM! MY ARM IS BROKEN!

SWEETWATER, NEW YORK.

"SO, YOU THINK THIS WILL REALLY WORK?"

THESE SCHEMATICS YOU'VE DRAWN ARE EXTRAORDINARY. I KNOW THAT OUR DEVICE BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH CAN SAVE US ALL, AL HARPER!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HELPING YOU! YOU'RE A COSMIC-POWERED SADIST AND YOU'VE CAUSED SO MUCH PAIN TO SO MANY!

THE SAFETY OF MY FAMILY IS THE ONLY REASON I'M DOING THIS!

I'M NOT A SADIST!

I AM A SCIENTIST, AND I HAD NEED OF SPECIMENS.

OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE NEW BODIES FOR A NEW WORLD.

OUR ENDGAME IS TO FORGE AND REPOPULATE A NEW GIGANTUS FROM THE GENERATIONS INSIDE OF US!

WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IS WRONG!

IT IS MOST UNSEEMLY, STRANGER.

I AM A LIVING ARK CARRYING MY PEOPLE'S FUTURE IN EVERY CELL OF MY BEING.

YOU CANNOT FATHOM THE WEIGHT I BEAR.

AND YOU DO NOT FATHOM THE DISRUPTIONS YOU HAVE WROUGHT IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE YOU'VE TAKEN.

I HEAR YOUR WISDOM, SURFER, AND IT PAINS ME.

LOOK, I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR MOTIVES, BUT--!

WHAT...? HUK...!

ARRGHHH!!! WHAT...WHAT IS THAT?!

HUARRHHHHHH!!! MASSIVE PSYCHIC FEEDBACK! SO HORRIBLE!

UNHHHGGGH!!! IT'S THE MEMORIES... OF THAT DAY!

"WE'VE RELEASED THEM BACK TO THE MINDS OF THE CITIZENS!"

I CAN SEE IT! *THE SWEETWATER GAP...*

...IT'S... IT'S CLOSED!

YES, CHIP... THE SCENE HERE ON THE GROUND IS PURE CHAOS!

SWEETWATER, NY

BREAKING NEWS

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THE UNCANNY TOWN OF SWEETWATER, NEW YORK, IS IN UTTER TURMOIL AS ITS TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE GONE INTO A DISRUPTIVE, VIOLENT MOB OF CONFUSION AND TERROR!

SWEETWATER HAS BEEN FAMOUS FOR ITS LOST DAY! NOW, IT SEEMS, WE ARE SEEING A NEW HISTORY HAPPENING IN REAL TIME AND IN THE WORST FASHION POSSIBLE!

THIS... THIS IS HORRIBLE!

I WISH I'D NEVER SEEN THIS!

THOSE... THOSE PEOPLE! THEY'RE HURTING THEMSELVES!

SOMEONE'S GOTTA DO SOMETHING!

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! THOSE PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER!

AL HARPER, I'M SORRY. BUT THIS IS YOUR TECHNOLOGY.

YOUR RESEARCH. WE NEED YOUR SKILLS HERE TO HELP CURE US.

HE'S RIGHT, AL. HOWEVER...

...I CAN GO AND HELP THEM!

ARE... ARE YOU SURE?

YES. NO MORE HARM WILL COME TO THEM...

...SO SWEARS THE SILVER SURFER!

GOOD RIDDANCE. SO, THERE'S A CHANCE THAT WITHOUT THE SURFER BEING AS PROXIMATE THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY BREACH THIS BARRIER.

OUR READINGS DO SHOW THAT THE BARRIER'S INTEGRITY HAS DROPPED BY A SMALL MARGIN.

WELL, DR. BRADLEY, THAT MARGIN MAY BE ALL WE NEED.

IS THE COSMIC PHASE-SHIFTER ASSEMBLED, PEOPLE?!

YES, COMMANDER BRATTON! SHALL WE PROCEED?

YES... ENGAGE!

WWRRREEEEERRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

THIS IS...PURE INSANITY.

THE STRANGER SURELY IS NOT THE SAME BEING THAT I HAVE KNOWN. THIS DISPLAY REEKS OF HOW FAR GONE HIS MINDS TRULY ARE.

THESE POOR SOULS! IT'S LIKE A SLIVER OF ANOTHER REALITY HAS INVADED THEIR VERY BEINGS.

SAVE ME... I'M SO...SCARED OF THE DARK! SO...SO DARRRK...

THEIR TETHER TO REALITY IS SHATTERED!

I MUST FIND A WAY TO RECONNECT THEM! THAT MAY STOP THIS DISRUPTIVE VIOLENCE!

IF I FAIL, THESE PEOPLE WILL TEAR THEMSELVES APART!

THERE'RE A FEW THINGS STILL OFF HERE. THE NANOTECH IS SUPER USEFUL FOR THIS THOUGH. WE SHOULD BE DONE VERY SOON.

IT PLEASES ME SOMETHING GOOD CAME FROM THIS FOR YOU, AL HARPER.

GOOD?! YOU THINK THIS IS GOOD?

HOW CAN YOU BE AS ANCIENT AS YOU ARE AND NOT SEE THE WRECK YOU'VE MADE OF WHAT'S LEFT OF MY LIFE?!

AL HARPER... I...

I...I'M A FREAK! THE FLAME THAT THE SURFER MADE IS LINKED TO THE LIFE OF THE PLANET.

NOW IT'S POWERING YOUR NANOTECH IN MY BODY AND...AND IT'S LIKE I CAN FEEL EVERYTHING!

EVERY PART OF THE EARTH AND ALL THE SYSTEMS IN IT ARE FLOWING AROUND IN MY HEAD LIKE ANTS MARCHING ACROSS MY PSYCHE!

AL HARPER...

THIS SUIT IS THE ONLY THING STOPPING ME FROM EXPLODING WITH COSMIC ENERGY! I'M A DANGER TO EVERYONE AROUND ME...EVERYONE I LOVE!

HOW CAN I EVER FACE MY WIFE OR MY SON...LIKE THIS?

HOW CAN YOU SEE ANY "*GOOD*" IN THIS? YOU'VE MADE ME INTO A MONSTER!

YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT ME IN THE GROUND TO ROT.

AL HARPER...

WHAT?!

I APOLOGIZE FOR OUR ACTIONS.

THIS GLITCH IN OUR TECHNOLOGY HAS CAUSED GREAT SUFFERING, NOT ONLY FOR US...BUT FOR SO MANY OVER THE MILLENNIA.

I AM TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT WE'VE DONE TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.

I WISH THAT I COULD TAKE IT BACK.

I...I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY. MY ENTIRE BEING IS NOW TEEMING WITH ENERGIES AND ABILITIES THAT I CAN'T BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND.

MY FAMILY AND POSSIBLY THE ENTIRE PLANET IS, ONCE AGAIN, THREATENED BY YOU... OR AN ASPECT OF YOU...

I'M GOING TO NEED SOME TIME. A *LOT* OF TIME.

I AM AFRAID THAT WE DON'T HAVE THAT COMMODITY. WE ARE STILL CONNECTED TO THE MAIN STRANGER CORPUS, AND IT GROWS MORE AND MORE UNSTABLE.

IT'S COMING. WE NEED TO GET THIS MACHINE READY.

WAIT...

WE MUST CONTINUE OUR WORK! SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO THE PROTECTIVE FIELD AS WE SPEAK!

COMMANDER! WE'RE IN! WE'RE FINALLY IN!

GOOD WORK! NOW LET'S FIND HARPER.

UM... SIR?

WHAT IS IT? SPEAK UP!

YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING!

AL HARPER IS UNDER MY PROTECTION NOW!

YOU SHALL PAY FOR YOUR INSOLENCE!

BE GONE, OR FACE MY WRATH, WORMS!

RUN! RUN AND CONTEMPLATE YOUR FOLLY AS YOU LICK YOUR WOUNDS LIKE THE CURS THAT YOU ARE!

ARGGHH! FALL BACK! FALL BACK!

UNGHHH! RETREAT!

ENOUGH OF THIS CLAPTRAP! BACK TO WORK!

TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE.

I'VE EXPOSED YOUR MIND TO THINGS THAT HUMANS WERE NEVER MEANT TO SEE, SOMBRA SOLOMON.

I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO MOVE. YOU SHOULD BE A SHELL BY NOW. YOU STILL CRAVE KNOWLEDGE?

HUHHH... *-COFF! COFF!-*... THERE'S MORE... MORE TO SEE... TO KNOW...

INDEED... AND YOU SHALL HAVE IT!

I CAN SEE EVERYTHIIING! I AM...EVERYTHIIIING!!! ARGHHHHHHHH!!!

WELCOME, MY CHILD...

...TO THE EDGE OF INFINITY!

WHERE... AM I?

HELLO, MY ANGEL.

-GASP!-

MAMA! DADDY! HOW?!

"ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE..."

...YOU NEED TO BELIEVE THAT. FREE YOURSELVES FROM THIS AFFLICTION!

YOU DID THIS!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY OWN NAME!

YOU MUST SEE EACH OTHER AND YOUR CONNECTION TO EXISTENCE.

I CAN ADJUST MY COSMIC PERCEPTIONS TO FORM A BOND.

I...I SEE NOW. I UNDERSTAND.

CHURIE. MY NAME IS... CHURIE.

THIS CAN WORK!

HEED MY WORDS, CITIZENS OF SWEETWATER. LET THE MEMORIES BECOME PART OF YOU...WASH OVER YOU. ACCEPT THEM. CONNECT WITH THEM...

SEE YOUR PLACE IN THE COSMOS. SEE YOUR FELLOW MAN AND EVERY MOLECULE OF THEIR BEING! RELEASE THIS MADNESS...

...EMBRACE THE PRESENT. FREE YOURSELVES OF THE PAIN OF THE PAST.

HEY... WOW...WHAT'S GOING ON?

I... HOW'D I GET OUT HERE?

HEY...I REMEMBER YOU. YOU FOUGHT FOR THIS TOWN. FOUGHT AGAINST SOMEONE THREE TIMES YOUR SIZE FOR US! WHO...WHO ARE YOU?

I'M A MAN...JUST LIKE YOU...

...TRYING TO FIND HIS WAY AND BE OF USE IN THIS MARVELOUS EXISTENCE.

NOW GO TO YOUR LOVED ONES. PROTECT THEM!

FOR I SENSE YOU WILL NEED ONE ANOTHER SOON ENOUGH!

WE SAW WHAT YOU DID FOR THOSE PEOPLE. IT WAS INCREDIBLE!

HOW FARE YOU ALL?

WOW. YOU'RE A MAGICIAN!

NOT AT ALL, YOUNG ONE. I DO HAVE AN ASSOCIATE THOUGH...A DEFENDER OF THIS REALM WHO--

SON, WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?

THEY CALL ME THE SILVER SURF--

UH-UH... WHAT'D YOUR MAMA NAME YOU?

NORRIN... MA'AM.

NORRIN.

NORRIN, I CAN'T TAKE LOSING MY SON AGAIN. I NEED YOU TO PROMISE TO PROTECT HIM...

AL IS A HERO.

HE GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO HELP ME WHEN I HAD NO ONE AND THEN GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE EACH AND EVERY LIVING THING ON THIS PLANET.

HE DID THIS WITHOUT ONE MOMENT OF HESITATION.

IF I HAD TO... I'D BEND TIME LIKE A WHISPER TO SAVE HIS LIFE, AND I'D COLLAPSE A THOUSAND STARS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO HE HOLDS DEAR.

"NOW EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. WE MUST PREPARE."

RISE! RISE, MY NEW CREATION!

WHAT ARE YOU NOW, AND WHO DO YOU SERVE?

I AM JUST... MATERIAL...AND I LIVE TO SERVE ONLY YOU.

GOOD!

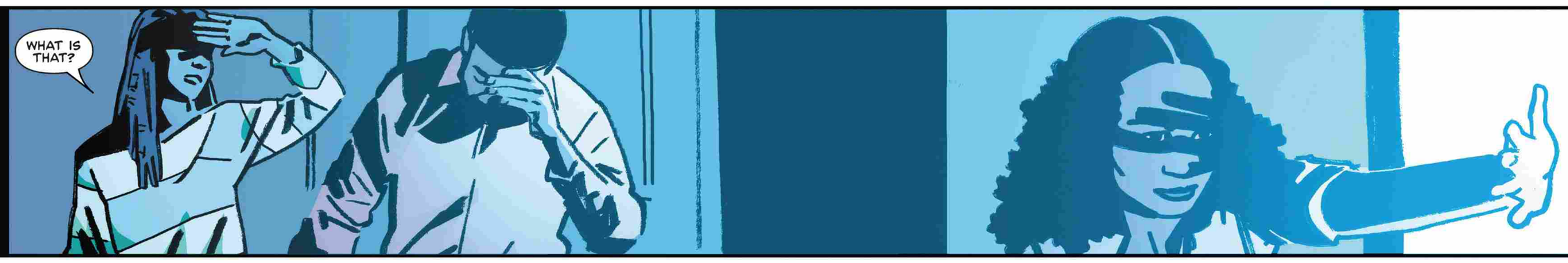
EXCELLENT!

ARE YOU READY TO GO HOME AND FIND MY STRAY DOG?

YESS...! ALLONS-Y!

AHAHAHAHAAHAAH!

FWOOSHHHH


WHAT IS THAT?

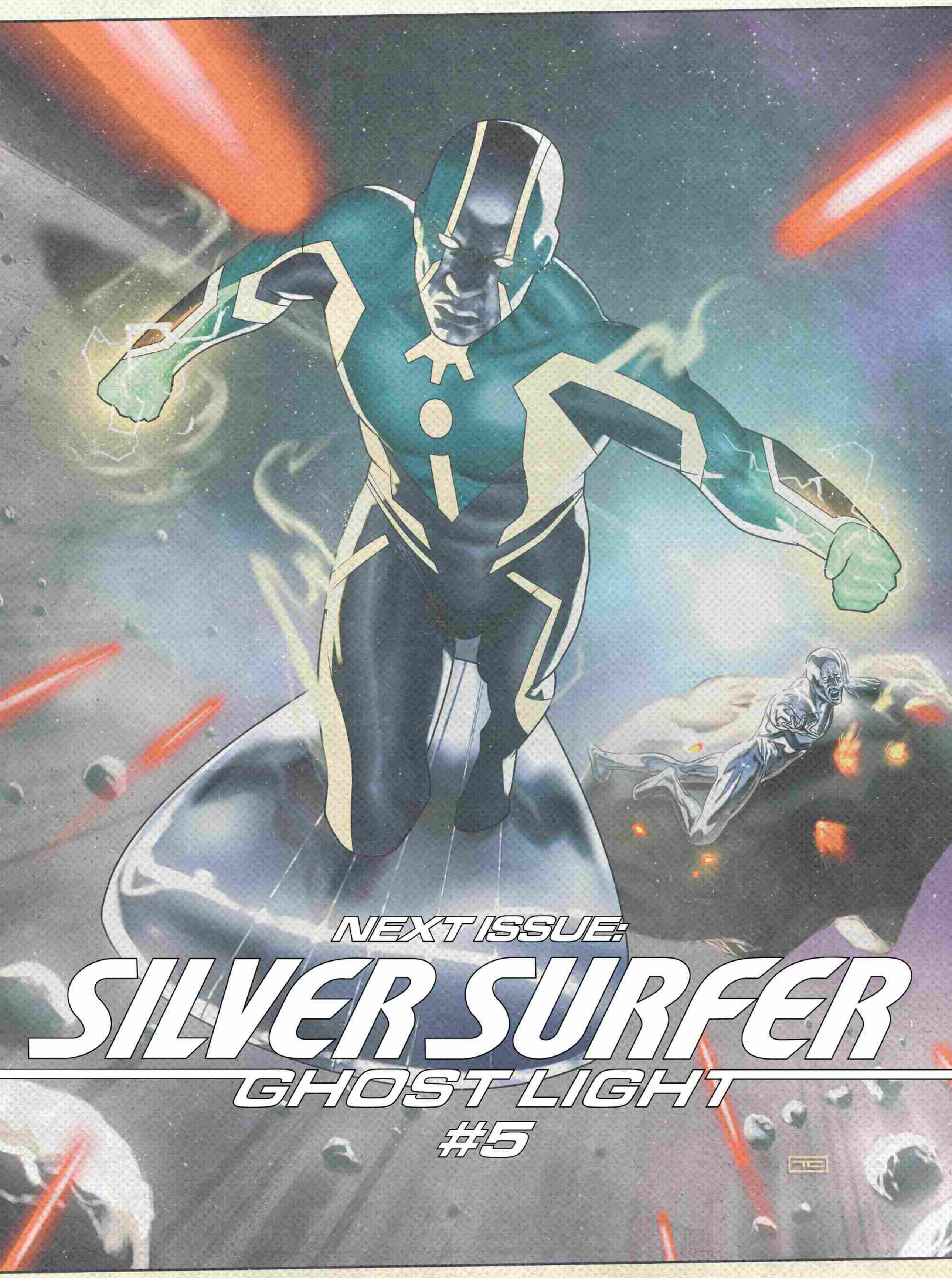
FLOOD'S HAMMER
IT'S BREACHED THE BARRIER! IT'S HEADED FOR THE LAB!
-GASP- AL!

FINALLY, THE DEVICE IS ALMOST READY. ONLY ONE MORE COMPONENT.
EXCELLENT! WE MUST PREPARE!
WAIT! DO YOU FEEL THAT?

OH NO! THE STRANGERS ARE HERE!
DOCTOR HARPER, I PRESUME?

I'M SUCH A FAN. NOW LET'S SEE WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR BRAIN, SHALL WE?

TO BE CONCLUDED!



SURFER AND GHOST LIGHT ARE AT THE MERCY OF THE STRANGER! AS OUR HEROES TAKE THEIR FINAL STAND TO SAVE THE TOWN OF SWEETWATER, GHOST LIGHT'S JOURNEY COMES TO AN EPIC FINALE! WHAT WILL BECOME OF MARVEL'S NEWEST COSMIC HERO? FIND OUT THE ANSWER HERE!

ZONE